

(c) whether the Government propose to stop the import of foreign films; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) 24 foreign films were imported during January to July, 1991.

(b) Rs. 48 lakhs.

(c) The Government in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting do not have any proposal to stop the import of foreign films.

(d) There is a large audience in India for foreign films. Films reflecting artistic and technical achievements from all over the world are imported with a view to encouraging creating interaction between Indian and international cinema. Besides, it is also important for Indian film makers to be familiar with the latest trends in film making in the rest of the world.

[*Translation*]

Air Station at Rourkela, Bolangir and Behrampur

4826. SHRI SRIKANT JENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the proposals to set up radio stations at Rourkela, Bolangir and Behrampur; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard and the date by which the work would be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The transmitter and studio equipment required for establishment of Radio Stations at Rourkela and Bolangir have been received and the civil works for construction of the building have commenced. Plans have been made to make these two projects technically ready during 1992-93.

The technical area for Behrampur Radio Station is ready and installation of the equipment has been taken up. As per the present indications, the project is envisaged to be technically ready during 1991-92.

Approval to Rajghat Hydro Electric Project of Madhya Pradesh

4827. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajghat hydro electric project of Madhya Pradesh is lying pending with the Planning Commission for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the approval is likely to be given;

(d) whether technical and financial clearance has already been given to the said project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). Planning Commission has given investment approval to Rajghat Hydro Electric Project (3x15 MW) at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.47 crores on 1.8.1991. This is

an inter-State project, a joint venture between Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh with sharing of cost and benefits in the ratio of 50:50.

[English]

Completion of Central Projects

4828. SHRI MANJAY LAL:
SHRI PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Public Sector projects above Rs. 20. crore originally scheduled to be completed during the current year are expected completion;

(b) the names of the Public Sector projects which are likely to be delayed and the period of delay in each case;

(c) by what percentage the cost in respect of the delayed projects is likely to rise; and

(d) the strategy if any, formulated by the

Government to avoid further cost escalation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c). As per monitoring system of Deptt. of Programme Implementation as on 1st April, 1991, 40 central projects each costing Rs. 20 crore and above, are due for completion in 1991-92, based on the original sanctioned schedules. Of these, 24 projects, as per statement-I, are anticipated to be completed during the year and the remaining 16 projects have reported delays beyond 31st March, 1992. The details of delays, percentage rise in cost over the original sanctioned cost, in respect of each delayed project, are given in Statement-II.

(d) The Deptt. of Programme Implementation as well as concerned administrative Ministries/Departments have been closely monitoring the implementation of the projects in order to complete them on schedule. Emphasis is also being made on realistic cost estimation after detailed analysis of scope at project formulation stage and on use of PERT/CPM techniques PC based integrated project management system etc. so as to reduce the cost escalation.